

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER AND FORT LEONARD WOOD 320 MANSCEN LOOP STE 316 FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473-8929

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

IMNW-LNW-HRM

1 March 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Extension of Suspense for Nominations to the Expanded Graduate School Opportunities for Junior Officers

- 1. Reference memorandum IMNW-LNW-HRM, 24 January 2006, subject as above.
- 2. The Expanded Graduate School Opportunities for Junior Officers Program has been extended and expanded to include officers in Year Groups (YG) 1998-2003 who are currently in Captains Career Courses, as well as all other YG 1998-2003 officers. This program has two reinforcing objectives: development of critical skills and long term retention of quality junior officers. Officers are authorized to attend a U.S. graduate school and are required to study in an approved discipline that enhances the competencies required in an expeditionary Army, emphasizing cultural awareness, regional knowledge, foreign language, governance, diplomacy, national security or social sciences. The Army's current Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS) program will continue to support Army requirements with the technical disciplines required for the specified specialty or position. These opportunities for junior officers were distributed through major commands (MACOMS) to local commanders and provide officers the ability to earn a high-quality graduate degree (12-18 months) and return to the field for a follow-on key developmental utilization assignment. The Army will manage the program so as to achieve an average yearly tuition cost of \$13,000 (adjusted for average inflation in higher education in the out years) across officers participating in the program. Officers are required to study in an approved discipline, complete listing available at: https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/opfamacs/ACS00.htm. Either tuition requirements over \$13,000 or exceptions to the discipline list must be requested by memorandum to Chief, Advanced Civil Schooling (AHRC-OPL-L) prior to final approval of application.
- 3. To date, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) goal has not been met and TRADOC is offering the program to officers in Captain Career Courses providing they meet the basic criteria. Priority will be to officers that do not possess a master's degree. Officers with a previously earned master's degree may compete as long as the degree is not the same as the projected graduate degree under this program. Officers that have attended a previous Army fully funded program are not eligible. Officers must:
 - a. Be managed by Human Resources Command (HRC) and in the Army Competitive Category (ACC).
- Agree to an Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) of 3 days for every 1 day spent in graduate school upon graduations. These ADSOs do not run concurrently.
 - c. Have outstanding potential for future military service.
- d. Have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 (waiverable in extraordinary circumstances).
 - e. Hold a current SECRET clearance or higher.
 - f. Have a regular Army (RA) commission.

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- g. Be YG 1998 YG 2003 (YG 2004 and YG 2005 officers will be offered their opportunities in their respective 3d year of service).
 - h. Not be selected for any other Army-sponsored program, fellowship, or scholarship.
 - i. Not be pending any adverse actions.
 - j. Meet Army height and weight requirements.
- 4. Commanders should assess their officers to ensure this opportunity is offered to top performers who might otherwise leave the Army for similar opportunities in the civilian sector. Most importantly, officers must be living the Warrior Ethos and consistently demonstrating their dedication to the Army's Values. Criteria for assessment should include individual areas of consideration (Whole-Person Concept):
 - a. Intellectual Potential: Comment on GPA and GRE to either highlight or mitigate.
 - b. Communication skills:
 - (1) Ability to produce clear, concise written products, i.e. OPORD, Memorandums.
 - (2) Ability to research (including MDMP) problems and present a coherent, viable solution.
 - (3) Ability to express self verbally in front of a crowd i.e. briefings.
 - (4) Ability to establish and adhere to a time schedule, meet deadlines.
- (5) Demonstrated situational awareness, ability to evaluate changing information, process same and develop or alter actions.
 - c. Judgment:
 - (1) Demonstrates the Army values, integrity beyond reproach.
 - (2) Displays maturity on and off duty, leads by example.
- (3) Makes decisions and executes actions IAW standards expected of the officer corps, especially in the absence of direct supervision and guidance.
 - d. Interpersonal: evaluate the officers on how he/she works with peers and subordinates.
- 5. Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Commanders are furnished ACS goals to offer to exceptional officers, as follows.

MSC ALLOCATIONS	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	TOTAL
Accessions Command	2	1	2	2	10	7	24
CAC	2	4	3	5	26	28	68
CASCOM	0	1	1	0	5	6	13
OTHER*	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
TRADOC ALLOCATION	4	6	6	8	42	42	108

^{*}Note: OTHER comprised of HQs TRADOC, AWC, MEPCOM, and TAFTS

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- 6. Officers selected for this program by their commanders will submit a DA Form 4187 through their chain of command to their respective Assignment Officer. The DA Form 4187 must be signed and approved by their immediate field grade commander and chain of command, have attached a General Officer (GO) Letter of Selection and be forwarded through the Combined Armed Center (CAC) to TRADOC for a TRADOC AG endorsement. The DA Form 4187 must include the following information: mailing address, email address, work telephone number and the statement "I request inclusion in the graduate school program. I understand that graduate school attendance has an ADSO equal to three times the length of the schooling, computed in days, but not to exceed 6 years. This ADSO begins on the day after I complete the graduate school program. For example, my total ADSO for a 24-month program is 6 years. I understand that the program requires me to return to a key developmental assignment upon completion of graduate school." Include: Year Group, date of availability for PCS, undergrad GPA, current GRE, GMAT score, if none, state have not taken GRE or GMAT, current address, phone number, and E-mail address, desired universities and degree disciplines, whether or not you are willing to attend an HRC pre-arranged graduate school program. The General Officer Letter of Selection from the first GO in the selected officer's chain of command must address the whole-person concept and the officer's date of availability. Example application packets are attached. Application packets (signed DA form 4187 and GO Letter of Selection) are due to the MILPO, ATTN: IMNW-LNW-HRM-S no later than 21 March 2006.
- 7. Point of contact is Pat Nation, Services Division, Military Personnel Office, 6-1164.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Encl

Sample Packet

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Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School Commandant, U.S. Army Military Police School

Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School

Commander, 1st Engineer Brigade

Commander, 3d Training Brigade

Commander, 3d Chemical Brigade

Commander, 14th Military Police Brigade

Commander, USA Garrison

Commander, 252d Military Police Detachment

Commander, 43d Adjutant General Battalion

Commander, Training Support Battalion

Adjutant General



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ATSE-Z

7 February 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Human Resources Command-Alexandria (AHRC-OPA-I), Alexandria, VA 22332

SUBJECT: Letter of Selection for the Expanded Graduate School Opportunities for the Junior Officers' Program

- 1. I highly recommend CPT @ @ @ for selection into the Expanded Graduate School Opportunities for the Junior Officers' Program. He has demonstrated the requisite command and leadership skills indicative of an officer with marked potential for future positions of increasing responsibility. Captain @ will represent the Army and Engineer Corps in an exemplary fashion. He represents the best in the junior officers that we have in today's transforming Army.
- 2. Captain @'s performance and potential have been nothing short of excellent. He earned his commission through the Officer Candidate School and was recognized as a distinguished military graduate. He completed his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from the University of @, @, while supporting his wife and two children. Through his demonstrated leadership, he has shown the maturity and skills of a more seasoned officer. He has worked as the United States Army Engineer School Operations Officer for 6 months, a slot reserved for a seasoned branch qualified captain without direct supervision and with minimal guidance. Upon completion of the program, CPT @ will complete the Captains' Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood. His communication skills, coupled with his innate ability to take complex tasks and produce viable solutions, stands out as his strongest traits. A consummate professional, CPT @'s integrity is above reproach and his leadership style clearly reflects the Army Values and Warrior Ethos.
- 3. As Commandant of the Engineer Regiment, I can think of no finer choice than CPT @ for this prestigious program. His reliability, academic acumen, and future potential all point toward him as one of the most promising future leaders in our Regiment. In the past, @'s credentials have spoken for themselves, making him a standout among his peers, and I am fully confident that they will do so again. Captain @'s date of availability will be @ 2006, following his tour of duty as @.

RANDAL. R. CASTRO Major General, USA Commandant

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